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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

Findings of Misconduct by a then Assistant United States Attorney for Conduct Prejudicial to the Government and Attempted Misuse of Position

The Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated this investigation after receiving information from the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA) alleging that an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA), who has since resigned, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) while off-duty, and that the AUSA was extremely belligerent with law enforcement officials and tried to use the AUSA's official position to avoid any adverse action being taken by those law enforcement officials.

The OIG investigation found that the AUSA engaged in conduct that was prejudicial to the Government by threatening and being verbally abusive to law enforcement officials. The OIG investigation also found that the AUSA attempted to misuse the AUSA's position by attempting to gain an advantage from law enforcement officials to which the AUSA was not entitled.

The AUSA resigned during the OIG investigation and pleaded guilty to the DUI offense pursuant to a deferred sentencing agreement.

The OIG has completed its investigation and provided its report to EOUSA and the DOJ Office of Professional Responsibility for appropriate action.

Unless otherwise noted, the OIG applies the preponderance of the evidence standard in determining whether DOJ personnel have committed misconduct.

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